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### REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 27-34. In order to expedite prosecution and advance the allowed claims towards issuance, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims, i.e., Claims 21-26, 35, 36, and 37-41. Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for the allowed claims to be issued promptly.

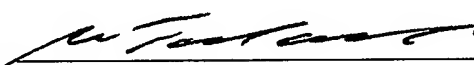
Applicants respectfully maintain that the cancellation of these claims make no admission as to their patentability. In fact, Applicants have filed a continuation application claiming priority to the present application in which the presently cancelled claims are pursued.

No fee is believed due in connection with this response. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0630. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if any issues may be resolved through a telephonic conversation.

Respectfully submitted,

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